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SMALL HYDRO POWER PROJECT
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Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether hydel projects between 3-25 MW capacity has been transferred from the Ministry of Power to the Ministry of Non-conventional Energy Sources (MNES) ;

(b) whether no organisation like NTPC and NHPC etc. has been created for testing of equipments, assessment of resources, verifying the veracity of the collected data, providing consultancy services to the developers and exclusive laboratory dedicated to the research and test facilities related to the small hydro power ; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to provide the desired organisation ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN)

(a): Yes, Sir. The subject of small hydro between 3-25 MW capacity has been transferred from the Ministry of Power to the Ministry of Non-conventional Energy Sources (MNES) with effect from 29th November, 1999.

(b)& (c): No new organisation like NHPC, NTPC etc. has been created which is dedicated solely to the small hydro sectofor testing, resource assessment, detailed survey & investigation, detailed project report preparation, providing consultancy services, research etc. However, specialized Central Public Sector Undertakings like NHPC, NEEPCO, NTPC, BBMB etc. areing involved for providing various technical services and for execution of small hydro projects. The Ministry is also encouraging various other technical institutions like IITs and RECs in the country to participate in various research, design and development activities relating to small hydro power.